

White County Board Meeting
February 14, 2006

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 14th day of February 2006 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the members of the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Ray made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to approve payment of all current bills. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Denise Burnett, White County Treasurer, stated that the tax sale January 31, 2006 went well.

Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Heckler, Director of the White County Ambulance had submitted his report in writing to the Ambulance Committee and to the Board.

Chairman Wooten stated that Sheriff Maier was attending his daughter's basketball game and he had submitted his report in writing to the Board. The total jail expense was \$88,531.31 and the total income was \$57,158.79.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten introduced Chuck Turner from the Grayville Senior Citizens. Mr. Turner submitted a written report of the activities of the Grayville Senior Citizens and expressed their appreciation for the continued support of the center by the White County Board. Chairman Wooten stated that the contributions for the Senior Citizens Center would be on the March agenda.

Chairman Wooten introduced Dr. Saqib and the Phoenix Group. Dr. Saqib stated that he had nothing to bring to the Board at this time and he was just there to observe.

Mr. Ray stated that he would like to ask Mr. Heckler about the ambulance report. Mr. Ray asked of the 100 runs performed by the Ambulance Service how many were Medicare, Medicaid or private pay? Mr. Heckler stated that he could not answer that question without going back and looking at each run, but he would get that information to him. Mr. Ray asked Mr. Heckler if the ambulance service was behind in the billing does it effect the percentage of reimbursement from Medicare? Mr. Heckler stated that Medicare must be billed within one year from the date of the services. Mr. Ray stated that he had been told that the longer you wait to bill Medicare the less money you will be reimbursed. Dr. Saqib stated that was not true that the billing of Medicare must be done within a year and no matter when it was billed the percentages were the same.

Clerk Dozier stated that the new Touch Screen computers were delivered to the County. She stated that she had purchased 23 new machines at a cost of \$135,637.00 and had received a federal grant in the amount of \$135,000.00. She stated that White County was eligible for another \$41,081.00 to purchase additional equipment and she would like authorization for the Chairman to sign off on the grant application. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to authorize the County Clerk and the Chairman to apply for an additional \$41,081.00 grant for additional touch screen computer. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Jack Bosaw, County Engineer informed the Board that they were now required to give their approval for him to be able to purchase right-of-way. Mr. Bosaw stated that he needed this approval to be able to purchase right-of-way for Section 84-000059-00-BR, which is the Skillet Fork Bridge just east of Springerton. Mr. Bosaw stated that he is required by law to offer a minimum of the appraised fair market value. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve Mr. Bosaw as the negotiator of the Skillet Fork right-of-way. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw presented the fuel bids for the White County Highway Department. Mr. Bosaw stated that there was only one bid and it was from Wabash Valley. Chairman Wooten read the bids as follows:

Open Price					
<u>Unleaded Gasoline</u>	<u>Unleaded with Ethanol</u>	<u>On Road #2 Diesel</u>	<u>5% Soy On Road #2 Diesel</u>	<u>Off Road Dieselelex Gold</u>	<u>5% Soy Off Road Dieselelex Gold</u>
\$1.825	\$1.861	\$2.147	\$2.167	\$1.973	\$1.993
Firm Price					
\$2.091	\$2.127	\$2.249	\$2.269	\$2.073	\$2.093

Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the open bid for unleaded gasoline with ethanol, the firm bid for the 5% Soy on Road #2 Diesel and the firm bid of the 5% Soy Off Road Dieselelex Gold. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 4-1 with roll call vote. Mitchell casting the nay vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the annual resolution of support for the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission and the county's share of participation in the amount of \$5,070.00.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County authorizes submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a Basic Planning Grant and the commitment of local matching funds, and,

WHEREAS, the seven county region of the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, comprised of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties, has been designated as an Economic Development District, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission desires financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration for the purpose of planning and implementing programs to stimulate economic development through a multi-county effort of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of White County authorizes the submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration to continue the economic development planning process in the Greater Wabash Economic Development District. Also, be it resolved that the County Board of White county authorizes and commits matching funds in the amount of five thousand seventy dollars (\$5,070.00).

Dated this 14th day of February 2006.

Ron Wooten
Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten discussed the Public Safety Tax Referendum. Chairman Wooten explained that he had contacted the Department of Revenue for figures that would be generated if the public safety tax passed. Chairman Wooten stated that he was told

that for every one quarter of a percent the receipts should be around \$214,472.10. Chairman Wooten explained that the Board past a resolution asking for one half of a percent which should generate around \$429,000.00. Chairman Wooten stated that he would like the Board to approve that the monies collected from such a tax be segregated from other funds and is designated specifically for Ambulance Services. Chairman Wooten stated that he would also like the Board to give him authorization to meet with the Grayville Ambulance Service and the Norris City Ambulance Service to try and reach an agreement on funds to be given to those services from the public safety tax. Chairman Wooten stated that figures from the Department of Revenue show that Grayville would generate around \$22,100.00 a year and Norris City would generate \$21,200.00. Chairman Wooten explained that those figures are for just inside the City of Grayville, and the Village of Norris City. Chairman Wooten also stated that those figures did not reflect the entire service area of those ambulance services and he would like to meet with those individuals to talk about an agreement that would be equitable and fair to all concerned. Chairman Wooten stated that the Board could take action to lower the percentage or eventually due away with the public safety tax. Chairman Wooten stated that the Board could not increase the amount unless it went back to referendum and if the Board did away with the tax completely it would have to be resubmitted to the voters. Mr. Nelson made a motion that the monies realized from the passage of a public safety tax should be separated from other county funds and that those funds should be used specifically for the ambulance service only. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Mr. Trout made a motion to authorize the Chairman to speak with the Grayville Ambulance Service and the Norris City Ambulance Service concerning funding from the public safety tax. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that an Executive Session was needed for the purpose of discussing Labor Contracts in the State's Attorneys Office, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Treasurer. Mr. Ray made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Highway Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation were looking at placing a flashing yellow light at the curve on the Epworth Road. Chairman Wooten stated that the location on the Epworth Road was still being looked at for repair but the ground has not completely settled. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Bosaw was also exploring the possibility of co-oping with the State to salt three main thoroughfares of White County. Those roads being the Bel-Air Road the Herald Blacktop and the Centerville Road. Chairman Wooten stated that White County currently does not salt because they do not have the equipment to spread the salt nor the space to store the salt.

Mr. Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.